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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Elizabeth R. MacNeill

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 32-43 and 50-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 32-39, 41-43, 50, 52, 54, 55, 57, 60 and 65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 40, 51, 53, 56, 58, 59 and 61-64 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to applicant's amendments and request for continued examination submitted 22 December 2006.

Claim Objections

1. Claims 51, 52, and 60 objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 51: lack of antecedent basis for "said infusion set". Claim 52: "each strip being essentially plane" is not grammatically correct. Claim 60: lack of antecedent basis for "said insertion needle" and "said infusion set." Appropriate correction is required.
2. Claims 33 and 52 are substantial duplicates and one must be cancelled upon allowance of the independent claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The indicated allowability of claims 32-39, 41-43, 50, 52, and 54 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Crouse. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.
4. Claims 40, 51 and 53 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and overcoming the objection to claim 51.
5. Claims 56, 58, 59, and 61-64 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 32-39,41-43,50,52,54,55,57,60 and 65 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Crouse (US 5,324,302).

Regarding claims 32-36,38,39,41-43,50,52,54,55,57,60 and 65, Crouse teaches an injector device for a medical device comprising: a molded device housing (28 and 30), a molded plunger (20), a lock (36), and a drive including a spring (arms 28 and 30), and a cover member (40). Figs 4/10 (advanced position) and 5/11 (retracted position).

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments, see pages 1-3, filed 22 December 2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 55-65 under Funderburk in view of Marshall have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn.

However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Crouse.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth R. MacNeill whose telephone number is (571)-272-9970. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-3:30pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Sirmons can be reached on (571)272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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